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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL HAIG

FROM: Phil Odeeng w

SUBJECT: Army Incremental War Costs

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The attached Secretary of the Army memo estimating incremental Vietnam war costs through September will interest you.

The FY 72 bill of about \$40.0 million should not cause a major problem. But even if the fighting calms down by June, the FY 73 cost (\$200 million) cannot be absorbed without a major impact on Army force structure. If fighting continues through September, Army costs alone will exceed \$400 million.

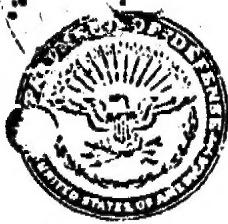
The Air Force appears better off with FY 73 incremental costs through September approaching \$210 million while the Navy is claiming incremental costs of over \$900 million. OSD believes the Navy is using this as an opportunity to "get well" but if Navy's estimates are close, the DOD wide impact could approach \$1.5 billion.

It is too early to plan a supplemental budget request but it is imperative that HAK not be taken by surprise. We should think about alternative ways of coping with this problem now.

I have forwarded a memo to HAK outlining this and the potential problems caused by likely Congressional cuts in FY 73. I recognize the difficulty in facing this problem at the moment, but it is important that it not be ignored.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Impact of Increased South Vietnam Activity

The fiscal impact on the Army for FY 1972 and FY 1973 resulting from the increased activity in Vietnam for the various time periods of 30, 60, 90, and 179 days is shown below. Costs were derived under the assumption that the approved withdrawal scenario for ground forces will continue.

Estimated Additional Costs Above Program 1/
(\$ in millions)

	30	60	FY 72 90	179
MPA			No significant FY 72 costs	
Procurement			No significant FY 72 costs	
OMA	19.1	31.1	39.3	39.3

FY 73

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MPA				
Procurement 2/	71.1	124.7	179.4	338.5
(Aircraft)	(7.6)	(15.2)	(22.7)	(45.3)
(Other Equipment)	(32.5)	(47.5)	(63.7)	(107.2)
(Ammo)	(31.0)	(62.0)	(93.0)	(186.0)
OMA	6.8	14.6	23.6	73.9
TOTAL	77.9	139.3	203.0	412.4

1/ Additional supporting cost data is at Inclosure 1.

2/ Costs will appear in FY 73 but actual procurement will extend into FY 74 and beyond.

Of these costs, only \$15.0M can be offset without some impact on other programs. This \$15.0M excess has resulted from the revision of the FY 73 official piaster rate of exchange. The remainder, for any specified time period, can be absorbed only at the expense of unfinancing other priority items, reprogramming, transfer of funds between appropriations, or deficiency funding under Revised Statute 3732, if determined applicable.

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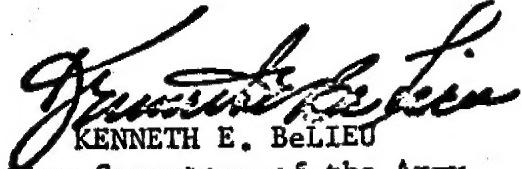
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Until the military situation stabilizes in RVN, data on actual equipment losses from which some of the above costs are computed remain tentative and might vary by as much as 20 to 30% depending on ARVN and enemy actions and actual reporting problems. When firm data are available, costs will be recomputed and the impact reassessed.

A memorandum addressing the non-fiscal impacts of the increased South Vietnam activity is forwarded for your use in assessing the total effect on the U.S. Defense Program.


KENNETH E. BELIEU
Acting Secretary of the Army

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